



# PHILIPPINES



## INTRODUCTION

The Philippine Islands became a Spanish colony during the 16th century and were ceded to the US in 1898 following the Spanish-American War. In 1935, the Philippines became a self-governing commonwealth. Following Japanese occupation during World War II, the Republic of the Philippines attained its independence on July 4, 1946.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Rodrigo DUTERTE

### Head of Government

President Rodrigo DUTERTE

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Manila

### Legislature

bicameral Congress or Kongreso consists of the Senate or Senado (24 seats) and the House of Representatives or Kapulungan Ng Mga Kinatawan (297 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 300,000 sq km  
Land: 298,170 sq km  
Water: 1,830 sq km

### Climate

tropical marine; northeast monsoon (November to April); southwest monsoon (May to October)

### Natural Resources

timber, petroleum, nickel, cobalt, silver, gold, salt, copper

as of October 2021

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

diversified, growing East Asian economy; major semiconductor, ship-building, and electronics exporter; significant remittances; COVID-19 hit consumption and investments hard; regional tensions with China; major geothermal energy user

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$871.6 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$8,000 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - semiconductors, electronics assembly, business process outsourcing, food/beverage manufacturing, construction

**Agricultural products** - sugarcane, rice, coconuts, maize, bananas, vegetables, tropical fruit, plantains, pineapples, cassava

**Exports** \$78.82 billion (2020 est.)

integrated circuits, office machinery/parts, insulated wiring, semiconductors, transformers (2019)

**partners:** China 16%, US 15%, Japan 13%, Hong Kong 12%, Singapore 7%, Germany 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$97.58 billion (2020 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, cars, crude petroleum, broadcasting equipment (2019)

**partners:** China 29%, Japan 8%, South Korea 7%, US 6%, Singapore 6%, Indonesia 6%, Thailand 5%, Taiwan 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

110.8 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

1.49% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Tagalog 24.4%, Bisaya/Binisaya 11.4%, Cebuano 9.9%, Ilocano 8.8%, Hiligaynon/Ilonggo 8.4%, Bikol/Bicol 6.8%, Waray 4%, other local ethnicity 26.1%, other foreign ethnicity .1% (2010 est.)

### Language

unspecified Filipino (official) and English (official); eight major dialects - Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinan

### Religion

Roman Catholic 80.6%, Protestant 8.2%, other Christian 3.4%, Muslim 5.6%, tribal religion 0.2%, other 1.9%, none 0.1% (2010 est.)

